Presidents' Good Steward Award



Elizabeth Berry

Professor & Chairperson, World Languages and English for Speakers of Other Languages

Nashua Community College

Professor Elizabeth Berry has been teaching at Nashua Community College since 2005 and has been an active member in the Hispanic Network of Greater Nashua for the past ten years, including hosting the meeting 1-2 times per year. She also acts as liaison between various high school ESL programs and NCC, particularly Nashua High North and South. This includes having a "Get on the Bus" event for ESL high school students to visit NCC in conjunction with the Admissions staff. She has maintained an ongoing relationship with the Adult Learning Center for many years, and established a newly formed relationship with Ascentria Care Alliance (formerly Lutheran Social Services). In addition, as the advisor of the College's World Language Club, Elizabeth has continued over the years to support and encourage her ESOL students, and any other interested NCC students, to participate in College events; and host events that highlight the rich diversity that is present both on the NCC Campus and in the Greater Nashua Community.

Professor Berry attends events to promote Nashua Community College regardless of schedule, including during vacation times and on weekends, to make sure that the NCC ESOL and World Language Program has a presence at community events throughout the region. She actively participates in numerous multicultural community activities annually, such as the Latino Festival in Nashua and the Latino Festival in Manchester. She has also been hosting a monthly event, the International Café, at Nashua Community College for many years. This event is held one Friday night per month and is very popular monthly activity, which is open to students and any members of the community who are interested in practicing English through interactive activities and games, making friends from other cultures, and sharing multicultural refreshments.

Elizabeth has taught classes for free in the community, and worked with the local churches with a high immigrant population, and worked closely with the ELL outreach coordinators in the Nashua high schools, and developed the "Conversation Partners" program at Nashua Community College where speakers of English, and Non-Native speakers of English can converse and learn from each other.

In addition, Elizabeth is also involved in the "One Greater Nashua" grant through the United Way of Greater Nashua, a three-year project, whose goal is to provide a healthier, happier community through immigrant integration. She is involved in two out of the three committees planning out community events aimed at Middle-School aged children.